

[English]

**Expansion of Telegraph Offices in Orissa**

**4113. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government propose to expand the telegraph network in Sambalpur district of Orissa during 1992-93;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of existing telegraph offices and the steps taken to improve the facilities so far?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Telegraph facility will be provided at 40 new locations on phonocom basis during 1992-93. In addition 2 Nos. of combind Post and Telegraph Offices will be connected to Store & Forward Telegraph System.

(c) There are 2100 telegraph offices in Orissa. One Store & Forward Telegraph Concentrator is installed at Sambalpur and one Store & Forward Message Switch 32 Ports has been installed at Cuttack. In addition steps have been taken to upgrade morse systems into electronic key boards and to replace electro-mechanical teleprinters by electronic teleprinters and formatted terminals, besides introducing networking concepts.

**Sub-Exchanges in Kozhikode, Kerala**

**4114. SHRI K. MURALEE DHARAN:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state.

(a) whether there is any proposal for

starting sub-exchanges under the Kozhikode Telecom. Division, Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof with names of places where such exchanges exist?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) The details of proposed Sub exchanges (RLUs) is as below:

Calicut-Chevayur, Calicut South, Elathur, Koduvally, Kunnamangalam, Mavoor, Chelari of Kozhikode district and Malappuram, Kottakkal and Area code of Malappuram district.

(ii) No such Sub-exchanges (RLU) is presently existing in Calicut division.

**Waiting List for Telephones in Bombay**

**4115. SHRI ARVIND TULSIRAM KAMBLE:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on the waiting list of telephone connections in Bombay;

(b) the time by which the waiting list is proposed to be cleared; and

(c) the exact plan in this regard?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU):** (a) Waiting list for Telephone Connections in Bombay as on 1.2.92 is 230542.

(b) and (c). OYT and Special Waiting lists as on 30.06.91 have already been

cleared by 31.12.91 (except for City Exchange area which is likely to be cleared by 31.03.92).

As per the draft 8th Five Year Plan (1992-97), it is proposed to add 11.3 lakh lines of switching capacity and provide 9.5 lakh new telephone connections in Bombay. The present waiting list is expected to be cleared progressively during the plan period.

[*Translation*]

**Conversion of Low Power Doordarshan Relay Center at Pilibhit**

4116. DR. P.R. GANGWAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a). whether the Government propose to convert the low power Doordarshan relay centre at Pilibhit in Uttar Pradesh into a high power relay centre;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) TV service in Pilibhit district of Uttar Pradesh is expected to be considerably strengthened with the commissioning of the high power (10KW) TV transmitter under implementation at Bareilly.

[*English*]

**Electronic Exchanges in West Bengal**

4117. SHR RUPCHAND PAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to convert telephone exchanges into electronic exchanges, particularly Chinsura Telephone Exchange in Hooghly district in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be converted?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c). (i) There are 32 telephone exchanges in Hooghly district out of which four are already electronic exchanges 23 telephone exchanges will be converted into electronic exchanges progressively during 1992-95 as per the policy of the Department.

(ii) 3 telephone exchanges will be converted into electronic exchanges as and when these become due on expiry of their useful life.

(iii) Automatic electro-mechanical exchange has recently been installed at Tarakeshwar and therefore, there is no plan for its conversion into an electronic exchange in near future.

(iv) Existing automatic electro-mechanical exchange at Chinsura has been planned for replacement by an electronic exchange during 1992-93.

[*Translation*]

**Financial Assistance to Madhya Pradesh**

4118. SHRI YOGANAND SARASWATI: SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state: